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1. FOLLOWING REVISED TEXT, NOT FULLY CLEARED WITHIN G-8, WAS DISCUSSED ORALLY IN CONTACT GROUP MORNING OF MAY 12:

QUOTE: 6. THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES
IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES WHICH, TO THE
EXTENT ATTAINED, CONTRIBUTE TO A FAVOURABLE CLIMATE
FOR DIRECT FOREIGN INVESTMENT:

- TRANSPARENCY, THAT IS, A CLEAR DEFINITION OF NATIONAL POLICIES, LAWS, REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES APPLYING TO DIRECT FOREIGN INVEST-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENT.

- STABILITY OR PREDICTABILITY OF
THE ABOVE POLICIES LAWS, REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES OF GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR
PERMANENCE. RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS
OF FOREIGN INVESTORS ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN THE
COUNTRY IN CASE OF CHANGES IN SUCH RELEVANT POLICIES,

LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES.

FAIR AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF FOREIGN
INVESTORS CONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND NO
LESS FAVORABLE THAN THAT ACCORDED DOMESTIC INVESTORS
OR THIRD COUNTRY INVESTORS, WHICHEVER IS THE MORE
FAVORABLE. THE RIGHT OF A HOST COUNTRY TO REGULATE
THE ENTRY OR EXPANSION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT, INCLUDING
PROHIBITIONS OR LIMITATIONS ON THE EXTENT OF FOREIGN
INVESTMENT IN SPECIFIED SECTORS, REMAINS UNAFFECTED
BY THIS OBJECTIVE.

-TIMELY AND UNRESTRICTED TRANSFER OF THE INCOME FROM INVESTMENT CAPITAL AND REPATRIATION OF CAPITAL WHEN THE INVESTMENT IS TERMINATED EXCEPT IN SO FAR AS RESTRICTIVE MEASURES OF LIMITED DURATION ARE REQUIRED BY EXCEPTIONAL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES.

-FAIR AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF THE INVESTOR'S PROPERTY. IN CASE THE HOST COUNTRY DEPRIVES, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY A FOREIGN INVESTOR OF HIS PROPERTY PROMPT, ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE COMPENSATION SHOULD BE PAID. ANY SUCH DEPRIVATION SHOULD BE EXCLUSIVELY FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE, NONDISCRIMINATORY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH DUE PROCESS OF LAW.

-DISPUTES BETWEEN A HOST COUNTRY AND A FOREIGN INVESTOR SHALL BE RESOLVED RAPIDLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES AND WITH THE PROCEDURAL STANDARDS CALLED FOR BY INTERNATIONAL LAW. WHERE POSSIBLE, THE

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PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED SHOULD BE AGREED UPON BEFORE ANY DISPUTE ARISES. IN ALL CASES, ARBITRATION
PROCEEDINGS AND STANDARDS SHOULD BE TRANSPARENT AND MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY TO BOTH INVESTORS AND HOST GOVERNMENT. THE IBRD'S CENTER FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF INVESTMENT DISPUTES, FOR PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION, IS AN IMPORTANT INSTITUTION IN THIS REGARD.

-FOREIGN INVESTORS SHOULD BEHAVE AS GOOD
CORPORATE CITIZENS OF THE HOST COUNTRY,
RESPECT THE SOVEREIGNTY AND LAWS OF THE COUNTRY HAVING
JURISDICATION OVER THEM,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE POLICIES AND THE PRIORITIES
OF THE HOST COUNTRY AND ENDEAVOUR TO
CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
COUNTRY. IN PARTICULAR, FOREIGN INVESTORS SHOULD
ENDEAVOUR CONSISTENTLY WITH SOUND COMMERCIAL PRACTICES
TO CONTRIBUTE TO EXPAND EXPORTS, CREATE EMPLOYMENT,
TRAIN DOMESTIC TECHNICIANS AND MANAGERS, UTILIZE
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DOMESTIC RAW MATERIALS AND OTHER INPUTS, FINANCE THEIR OPERATIONS WITH FOREIGN RESOURCES, APPLY MODERN TECHNOLOGY SUITABLY ADAPTED TO DOMESTIC CONDITIONS, AND IN OTHER WAYS ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE HOST COUNTRY.

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